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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Inose, et al.

App. No : 10/553,376

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For : METHOD FOR ISOLATING

NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND A KIT AND

APPARATUS FOR NUCLEIC ACID

ISOLATION

Examiner : Bertagna, Angela Marie

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/553,376. In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.